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LAND VALUATION IN THE COLONY

EXPERTS AT VARIANCE

CHIEF JUSTICE AND THE EIGHT PER CENT FACTOR.

\$42,000 DAMAGES AWARDED

Interesting comment upon the methods of land valuation in the Colony were made by the Chief Justice (Mr. Justice Wood) in the Supreme Court this morning, when he gave judgment in favour of Mrs. Chu Shuk for \$42,000, with accrued rentals at \$211 per month from February 14, 1930, to the date of judgment, together with costs, in respect of an alleged wrongful sale of property under the terms of a mortgage deed, by the Banque Franco-Chinoise pour le Commerce et l'Industrie.

The property, situated at No. 6, Ko Shing Street, had been mortgaged to secure the grant of certain banking facilities to Mr. W. M. Pittendrigh, and was sold by the bank on February 14 for \$24,000, being resold within one month for \$42,000. It was one of plaintiff's alternative pleas that the property had been sold in the first place at gross under-value.

"CONDITIONS AS THEY ARE"

His Lordship, considering this point in his judgment, drew attention to the fact that Mr. McKichan, of Leigh and Orange, and Colonel L. G. Bird, of Messrs. Palmer and Turner, who had given evidence of valuation of the property on behalf of the bank, had estimated its value at \$30 per foot. The return per annum they both placed at 8 per cent, giving a total value of \$30,000. The bank had paid into Court \$6,500, without admitting liability.

On the other hand, Mr. Caer Clark, of Messrs. Clark and Lu, in evidence for plaintiff, gave as his valuation the sum of \$42,000. He estimated the footage value at \$45, and the annual return at 6 1/2 per cent.

"I have no hesitation in accepting Mr. Caer Clark's valuation as correct," said His Lordship. "Both Mr. McKichan and Colonel Bird have stated that for a number of years they have made a practice of using the 8 per cent factor, not taking any account of a variation in the earning power of money in the Colony at different periods."

Mr. Clark, in making his valuations, took into account conditions as they actually existed. His Lordship added that before the sale by the Bank no steps were taken to ascertain the value of the property sold. He was satisfied that the second sale, for \$42,000, was a bona fide one.

Other Contentions. His Lordship also found that plaintiff's counsel had interpreted the mortgage deed correctly. On the question of written consents by the mortgagor's consenting agent, he held that the bank's submission was proved. But the bank had not given the requisite notice of sale as required by the terms of the deed.

After reciting the facts of the case, together with plaintiff's statement of claim, His Lordship said that the parties, in his opinion, deserved sympathy by reason of the obscurity of the deed. The first and major portion of the plaintiff's claim was concerned with its construction.

Plaintiff had argued that the banking facilities granted to Mr. Pittendrigh were outside the compass of the deed, and had further contended that the consents in writing to the facilities given, which were required by the deed, were in fact never granted. It was his (His Lordship's) opinion that the facilities contemplated by the deed were not to be inferred from the course of business conducted between Mr. Pittendrigh and the Bank, but must be established from the terms of the document itself.

"The bank has acted throughout in this matter as though the credits which they granted from time to time to Mr. Pittendrigh were secured within the compass of the mortgage. Their good faith in the proceedings is in no way challenged. The bank has regarded the deed as effecting a general security for Mr. Pittendrigh's overdraft."

Continuing, His Lordship said that, prima facie, the bank had

relied upon the terms of the first (general) covenant, whereas for the plaintiff it was argued that such a wide construction of the deed was an incorrect interpretation of its real meaning. The learned counsel for plaintiff had said that if it had been the intention of these parties that a general overdraft should be secured, nothing would have been easier than to draft its clear terms. The first covenant was, in his submission, an undertaking to pay amounts becoming payable in respect of terms set out in subsequent portions of the deed. "I adopt the construction for which the plaintiff contends," said His Lordship. "On this construction of the deed the plaintiff's claim to recover the value of her property must succeed. I propose, however, to deal with other matters considered at the hearing."

Written Consents.

His Lordship then went on to consider the question of written consents, stating that it had been contended for the bank that the signature of Shaofan Tan (otherwise Tan Siu-fan) appointed agent for the mortgagor, constituted a requisite consent under the terms of the mortgage deed. In this connection he held that a cheque drawn in excess of the amount standing to the credit of an account in itself a loan, and such a request that if the cheque is honoured it results in a borrowing of money by the customer. A direction given by the cheque in such circumstances to a bank to pay money logically involves a consent by the person drawing the cheque to the necessary advance. Bank Succeeds.

"The opinion to which I have come on this point," said His Lordship, after discussing plaintiff's contention, "is that the bank's contention succeeds. That these consents so identified in this case must be referred to the mortgage is, to my mind, evident. There is here present no question of separate securities; (but that) the two securities held by the bank, namely, the mortgage deed and promissory note, were concurrent securities and co-operative."

Wrongful Sale.

Regarding a further alternative claim of the plaintiff that the power of sale granted by the mortgage deed had been wrongfully exercised by the bank, His Lordship said that in view of his decision on the plaintiff's main contention, the matter did not arise. But for the convenience of the parties he would consider it. It had been admitted that no demand for payment was made upon the mortgagor, and that no notice of intention to sell the property was given her. This exercise of the power of sale would thus be held oppressive upon the authorities, and the Court would award damages to the plaintiff without reference to the provisions of the deed on this ground alone. Even if it stood alone. Apart from that, the mortgage was entitled under the deed to a demand for

LOAN TO SPANISH GOVERNMENT.

Negotiations for Credit of \$60,000,000.

J. P. MORGAN ENTERPRISE.

New York, Yesterday. The prominent American banking Corporation, J. P. Morgan and Co., are negotiating with the Spanish Government for a credit of \$60,000,000 in which it is expected that British and French bankers will participate. The negotiations are still in the formative stages. — Reuter's American Service.

payment and a period of one calendar month thereafter in which to comply.

No Implied Power of Sale. It was submitted by the bank that by the terms of the deed, plaintiff had conferred a power of sale without necessity of any notice to her in certain circumstances, namely, when default had been made in payment of any interest payable under the deed upon demand or where default had been made in performance of any of the covenants contained in the deed. The objections set forth to this submission (by counsel for the plaintiff) His Lordship considered well founded.

His Lordship continued: "I now bring myself to the final alternative claim raised on the plaintiff's claim, with reference to which most of the oral evidence given at the hearing had been called. Assuming everything else in the defendant's favour, the plaintiff nevertheless submits that the bank in its conduct of the sale has shown a reckless disregard to her interests and has sacrificed her property by selling at a gross under value. Under this head she claims damages."

It is not here incumbent upon her to allege bad faith amounting to fraud against the bank, nor has she done so. It is enough if she can establish on the part of the bank such neglect of reasonable precautions in the sale as would lead to the conclusion that the conduct of the bank fell short of the standard of good faith required by law from a mortgagee.

Sold and Re-sold.

On the sale by the bank the property realised \$24,000 only. This sale took place on February 14, 1930. On March 22, 1930, the same property was resold at a price of \$42,000. This is an advance on the previous price of 75 per cent, within a period of a little over one month. The plaintiff invites the Court on these facts to find that her interests have been disregarded by the bank and that the conduct of the sale has rendered the bank liable to her for this deficiency in value obtained by them. She furnished architects' evidence of the value.

To this contention the bank has replied by calling evidence of valuation. Two expert valuers have given evidence for the defence. — Mr. MacKichan, a partner in Messrs. Leigh & Orange, and Col. L. G. Bird, a partner in Messrs. Palmer and Turner. These two witnesses valued the property independently on March 1 and April 1, 1930, respectively. They agree in their valuations. According to them the property was worth \$30,000.

The defendant bank has in these proceedings, without admitting liability, paid into Court the sum of \$6,500 with a statement that this is a sufficient sum to satisfy the claim of the plaintiff under this section of the case.

A Different Valuation.

For the plaintiff, Mr. Caer Clark, a partner in Messrs. Clark & Lu, gave evidence of value by which, in his opinion, the property was shown to be worth \$42,000. This property is house No. 6, Ko Shing Street, a locality which is especially sought after by certain Chinese merchants. The gross rental derived from the property was \$265 a month; the net rental, after valuer's deduction were made, being \$211 a month.

It appears from the evidence that owing to certain personal arrangements the tenants of the first floor were paying a rent which was less than the average rental for such premises by \$25 a month. For the purpose of valuation, therefore, the annual rental of these premises was taken at \$2,800 approximately.

Bank's Method Correct. The method of valuation adopted by the witnesses for the bank is (Continued on Page 6.)

"CORRUPT" CITY OF NEW YORK.

Investigation of Charge To Be Made.

BILL PASSED BY SENATE.

Albany, Yesterday. New York State Senate has passed a Bill approving of a comprehensive legislative investigation into the prevailing alleged corruption in New York City. A similar measure was defeated last month for the lack of two votes. — Reuter's American Service.

[A message of March 18 stated: — Formal charges that Mayor Jimmy Walker discharged his duties in a "wasteful, incompetent fashion" are made by the City Affairs Committee, whose report is published by the Governor of the State, Mr. F. D. Roosevelt.

The Committee, which is a private organisation of leading citizens, says that Walker's "conduct in office was incompetent, inefficient, and futile, the result of which being that the machinery of Government failed to function and the administration of the City was brought into disrepute." Last week a petition was sent to Governor Roosevelt by the Society for the Prevention of Crime which, without impugning the Mayor's integrity, demanded: "Some proof that he really desired to clean up the City."

BLASTING MENACE.

POLICE INSPECTOR COMPELLED TO SPRINT.

STONES IN GARDEN.

"A stone flying one hundred yards is extremely dangerous," was the remark made by Mr. Walter Schofield in the Central Magistracy this morning, when he imposed a fine of \$75 on the Sang Lee Firm of building contractors, who were summoned for having taken inadequate measures whilst blasting on the new Shaukwan Road on March 10, at noon.

Sub-Inspector Rogers stated that defendants were engaged in digging a trench for water pipes to be laid at a bend in the new Shaukwan Road at North Point. The Police had received numerous complaints to the effect that stones were falling into the garden of the Hong Kong Electric Company's quarters. On March 4, that Company wrote a strongly worded letter to the Hon. I.C.P. in which it was stated that a window had been broken by a blast. On March 10, Inspector Rogers went to the place, and awaited a blast which took place about 100 yards away. "At noon it went off, and I had to run, for one of the stones nearly hit me," declared Inspector Rogers.

In his opinion the measures taken by defendants were inadequate, in that they only had a wooden tressle and a sack over the blast, whereas they should have had a number of sacks, then the tressle, more sacks, and heavy stones to weigh the explosive down.

HIGHWAY ROBBERY.

SUSPECT REMANDED FOR A WEEK.

Lam Shing and Lam Yuk, who are charged with highway robbery at Lady Clement's Ride on March 20, appeared before Mr. W. Schofield in the Central Police Court this morning on remand.

Detective-Sergeant Meadows informed the Magistrate that the complainant, Chau Chuen, was out of hospital. He applied for a week's formal remand, as the enquiries were not completed. His Worship accordingly further remanded accused.

THEFT FROM FRENCH OFFICER.

Leung Shing, the coal cooler, who was remanded by Mr. W. Schofield in the Kowloon Police Court last week, on a charge of theft of a watch and a sum of money from the French trader, Waldeck Bousseau, the property of Lieut. Henri Berger, was today sent to jail for three months with hard labour.

LIBERALS' POLICY

NO FORM OF PACT WITH LABOUR. NEW DECISION

SIR J. SIMON LEAVES MEETING.

London, Yesterday. There will be no form of pact between Liberals and the Government, but Liberals promise to give the Government their general support conditional on the Government pursuing a number of specified lines of policy which Liberals regard as essential at the present time.

This decision was reached after a five and a half hours' meeting of the Liberal Parliamentary Party to-day which, by 33 to 17 votes, decided in a general form of declaration the attitude which Liberals proposed to adopt toward the Government in the House of Commons.

There will be no form of pact or alliance and the independence of the Liberal Party will be strongly stressed.

The meeting decided to treat the terms of the declaration as confidential until Mr. Lloyd George discloses them at a meeting of the Liberal Candidates' Association on Thursday.

The minority voting against the declaration included Sir John Simon who left before the end of the meeting.

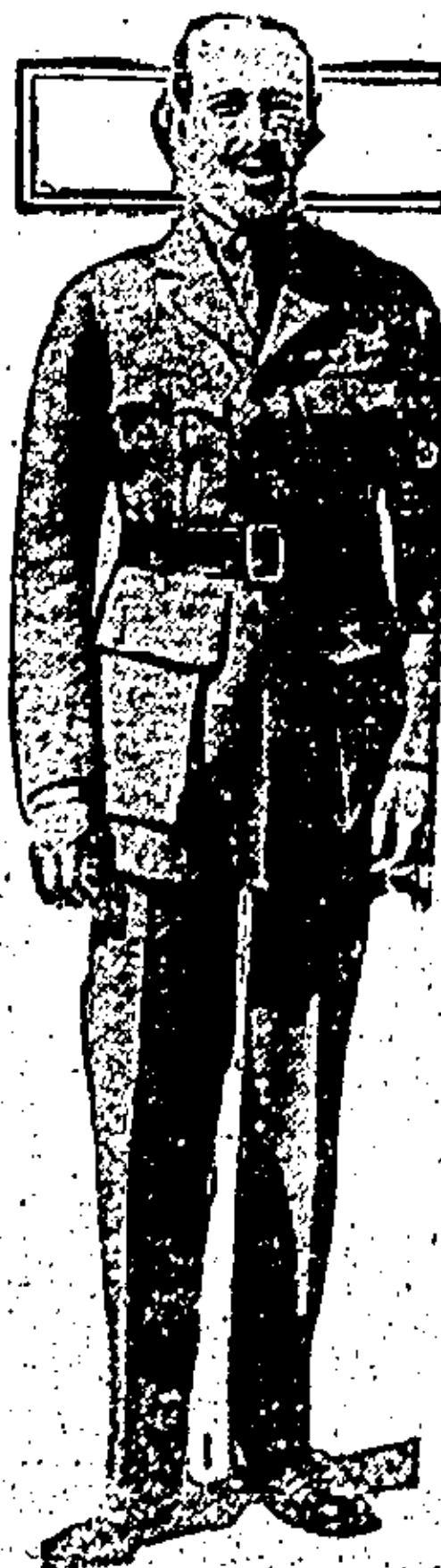
Owing to the secrecy regarding the terms of declaration, it is impossible to forecast whether it will materially affect the political situation. Sir Archibald Sinclair withdrew his resignation and was re-elected as the Liberal Chief Whip. — Reuter.

RIOT SIGNALISES KING'S RETURN.

Students Wounded in "Gay" Madrid.

CHEERS AND SHOTS.

Madrid, Yesterday. King Alfonso returned from London to-day and was lustily cheered by a crowd of young Monarchists as he drove to the



King Alfonso.

Palace with the Queen and Royal Family.

A number of medical students of the University was wounded by shots fired by the Police to quell a riot, in which students burned benches, chairs, and pictures and dislocated the traffic. — Reuter.

PRINCE IN SANTOS.

GREETED BY WHOLE OF BRITISH COLONY.

Rugby, Yesterday. The Prince of Wales and Prince George reached Santos to-day by the steamship Alcantara. They were met by officials and a huge and enthusiastic crowd, including practically the whole of the British Colony. — British Wireless Service.

REIGN OF TERROR IN PERU CAPITAL.

Mutineers Shelled in Army Barracks.

MINISTER LEADS ATTACK

New York, Yesterday. Reports from Lima state that a reign of terror prevailed for four hours last night, when three infantry companies revolted and fought the Government forces and only surrendered after their headquarters had been blown up by gunfire and 40 of them were killed. Martial law is now decreed.

The rebels, led by two sergeants, imprisoned their officers and advanced to the Palace wildly firing rifles and machine guns, while pedestrians scurried to cover.

The loyal troops, commanded by the War Minister, drove back the rebels and shelled the barracks to smithereens as well as the turrets in which some of the rebels had taken positions. The remainder surrendered.

Courageous Minister.

A dramatic account of the storming of Santa Catalina barracks by Government troops, received from Lima, relates that the War Minister, Colonel Jimenez, at midnight drew up his forces before the barracks, which the mutineers had made their stronghold.

Col. Jimenez and two officers entered the barracks, after ordering their troops to fire if they did not return in ten minutes. At the end of a quarter of an hour Col. Jimenez did not emerge and the loyalists therefore blew down the doors with shell fire and rushed the barracks with fixed bayonets, demoralising the defenders, who threw down their arms. — Reuter's American Service.

TARIFF INCREASES.

RICE, SUGAR AND COFFEE AFFECTED.

CHILEAN POLICY.

New York, Yesterday. A message from Santiago de Chile states that the Government has announced increases in the tariff on a number of articles, including newspaper, rice, sugar, and coffee. — Reuter's American Service.

WHEAT PRICES.

DROP REGISTERED ON CHICAGO MARKET.

RAPID DECLINE.

Chicago, Yesterday.

June wheat broke at 12 cents on the market to-day, closing 10 cents down at 67 cents a bushel. July and September wheat finished at 2 1/2 and 1 3/4 cents lower. March, May and February showed little change. — Reuter's American Service.

MORE FOG.

To-day's weather report from the Royal Observatory states: The anti-cyclone is central over S.W. Japan.

Another is forming over S.E. Mongolia. Depressions lie over the Yangtze Valley and over N. Indo-China.

Forecast: — East or variable winds; moderate; generally cloudy; foggy.

Rainfall.

Rainfall for 24 hours ended at 10 a.m. — nil. Rainfall since January 1 — 4.03 inches against an average of 5.42 inches — deficit 1.39 inch.

Temperature.

The temperature at certain specified centres this morning at 8 o'clock was: —

Hong Kong	66
Macao	67
Pratas Island	76
Manila	76
Foochow	58
Amoy	60
Swatow	61
Chefoo	40
Shanghai	54

EXECUTIONS CAUSE NERVOUSNESS.

May Adversely Affect Congress Decision.

LAHORE MURDER.

Bombay, Yesterday. The fear that the Lahore executions may adversely affect the decision of the All-India Congress has caused nervousness and uncertainty. Although the cotton market closed, business was transacted privately at 203 1/4 rupees per candy of 784 lb. — Reuter.

"Let Us Forget."

New Delhi, Yesterday. "When Britain talks of settlement there will be the corpse of Bhagat Singh between us and we forget." This reference to the hanging of the Lahore conspirators made yesterday by Jawaharlal Nehru indicates the feelings of the Nationalists on the eve of the opening of the All-India Congress.

At Karachi Gandhi made a statement in which he described the hanging as a grave Government blunder and added that we must not get angry and accuse the Government of a breach of settlement. He admitted the sacrifice and reckless courage of the conspirators but their methods must not be copied.

He referred to the Government's "floating of public opinion" by the exhibition of "immense brute power and persistence, wherein is perhaps the portent that they do not mean to part with power." The Congress should, however, endorse the Irwin-Gandhi settlement.

Following a speech of protest by their leader, Diwan Rangachari, against the execution of the Lahore conspirators, the Nationalists walked out of the Legislative Assembly.

Sir James Crerar, amid interruptions, had previously declared that the law had been allowed to take its course in the interests of India, while Sir George Rainy warned the Nationalists against abdicating their functions as legislators. Thereupon the Nationalists dramatically walked out. — Reuter.

Resentment Felt.

Karachi, Yesterday. A procession carrying a black flag, and shouting "Long Live Bhagat Singh, paraded the All-India Congress camp. A deep feeling of resentment is obvious and a large tri-colour flag was flown over the camp half-masted. — Reuter.

STOREHOUSE FIRE.

MANAGER SAVES WIFE AND CHILD.

At 2.50 o'clock this morning, a fire broke out on the ground floor of 41, Reclamation Street, which is used as a storehouse by the Kam Tai firm of bamboo and earthenware dealers of 176, Shanghai Street.

The manager of the firm, Pong Kong-shui, his wife and child, were asleep at the time of the outbreak, but were awakened by the noise of crackling wooden structures. Pong got his wife and child to safety, and then endeavoured to save some of the bamboo wares, but the flames had taken a good hold on the premises, and he was forced to retreat.

The Fire Brigade arrived, and the outbreak, which was confined to one house, was soon subdued.

ROAD OBSTRUCTIONS ANOTHER CONTRACTOR FINED BY MAGISTRATE.

"It seems as if small fines have no effect on these people," declared Sergeant Goldsmith in the Central Police Court this morning, when he charged Chu Chak, a contractor, with having caused an obstruction with tiles in Johnston Road. Defendant pleaded guilty. Sgt. Goldsmith said that he warned the defendant to have a pile of tiles removed from Johnston Road, opposite Tin Lok Lane, on Saturday. However, he visited the place at 6.30 p.m. yesterday, and found the obstruction still there. The Hon. Inspector-General of Police and the P.W.D. had been complaining about the state of the roads at the Wanchai Reclamation. Sgt. Goldsmith explained that defendant could store the tiles in an enclosure next to the building site.

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COMPANY MEETINGS

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THE SIXTY-SECOND ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the Undersigned on THURSDAY, the 26th March, 1931, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1930.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 12th to the 26th March, 1931, both days inclusive.

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Hong Kong, 5th March, 1931.

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DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Office of the Company, 2, Queen's Building, Hong Kong, on MONDAY, 30th March, 1931, at Noon, for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1930.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 23rd to the 28th March, 1931, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

R. M. DYER,

Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 17th March, 1931.

**UNION WATERBOAT COMPANY,
LIMITED.**

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held in the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Company, Limited, on TUESDAY, the 31st March, 1931, at 3 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1930.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 23rd March to 31st March, 1931, both dates inclusive.

DODWELL & COMPANY,

LIMITED,

General Managers.

Hong Kong, March 18, 1931.

**HONG KONG REALTY & TRUST
COMPANY, LIMITED.**

(Incorporated under the Companies Ordinances of Hong Kong.)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS of the Hong Kong Realty & Trust Company, Limited, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, Exchange Building (2nd floor), Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 15th day of April, 1931, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors for the Year ended 31st December, 1930, and re-electing Directors and the Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the COMPANY will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 8th day of April, 1931, until WEDNESDAY, the 15th day of April, 1931, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

C. F. V. RIBEIRO,

Acting Secretary.

Hong Kong, 23rd March, 1931.

SPORT NOTICES

**THE HONG KONG JOCKEY
CLUB.**

DRAFT PROGRAMMES and ENTRY FORMS for the SECOND EXTRA RACE MEETING to be held on SATURDAY and MONDAY, 4th and 6th April, 1931 (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Race Course, Hong Kong Club, and Causeway Bay Stables.

Entries CLOSE at 12 o'clock Noon on THURSDAY, 26th March, 1931.

Hong Kong, 21st March, 1931.

**THE HONG KONG JOCKEY
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OWING to CONGESTION in the Members' Enclosure, the FREE PASSES to Ladies will be restricted to One per Member as from the commencement of the Club's financial year—1st April, 1931.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,

Hong Kong, 21st March, 1931.

ONDES MUSICALES.

**MAURICE MARTENOT AND HIS
INVENTION.**

A MUSICAL NOVELTY.

A statement issued on behalf of Monsieur Maurice Martenot who will be performing in the Star Theatre, Kowloon, on Saturday for one night only gives the following information concerning the inventor and the instrument used at these concerts:

"Maurice Martenot, who was born in Paris in 1898, devoted himself to music in one way or another from his earliest years. While he was a wireless instructor in 1918, he noticed that the apparatus for generating waves enabled the production of strangely beautiful sounds, and that was the origin of his invention. In spite of his multiple activities as 'cellist, orchestral conductor, and teacher, he devoted long hours at night to giving form to the instrument he had conceived; and on April 21, 1928, he was able to exhibit it to an elite of scientists and artists, assembled in the Salle Gaveau in Paris. On May 3, in the Opera, and again on May 29, in the Salle Pleyel, he scored a triumph before the general public.

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Lord Sanderson, the new, blind, Socialist peer, formerly Mr. Sanderson Furniss, who comes of famous north-country families, is "a man and a brother," with no rooted hostility to occasional jollity, and willing to tell a funny story against himself.

He has just written a delightful book about himself—"Memories of Sixty Years" (Methuen's, 10s. 6d.), and in a prefatory note he says that a candid friend, to whom he confided the idea of writing his memoirs, said: "It seems a very conceited thing to do. Who on earth would want to read your life?"

Lord Sanderson, although too blind to read, was principal of Ruskin College, Oxford, for years, and when he went on a health trip to Australia a few years ago he was put down in the passenger list, by mistake, as "Professor." He could not understand at first why the captain, a genial man, was so cold and distant with him.

"Human Relations." "The captain," he says, "always addressed me as 'Professor,' and one day I asked him why he did so. 'Well, aren't you a professor?' he said, and when I told him I was nothing so bad as that he shook hands with me delightedly, saying that he had thought I was one of those 'highbrow fellows.'"

"Human relations were then at once established, drinks were stowed, and cigars exchanged."

Lord Sanderson remarks on the shyness which "academic" people seem to inspire in those who are "carrying on some of the world's most important work, and he observes of the captain that: "until he knew that I was not a professor and that he could stand me a drink with impunity, he regarded me as too 'brainy' and almost impossible as a companion!"

Such stories as these help to explain the extraordinary triumph of Lord Sanderson's self-made career.

He was so blind, almost from birth, that he has never been able to read, "except," he says "when I was a boy, and then only in a type so large that hardly anything was printed on it except parts of the Bible."

CHICAGO RAID.

**Arrests in Notorious Night
Club.**

Chicago, Mar. 12. Hooligans and "roughnecks" enjoying a drink at the Cotton Club, a notorious night club in the Cicero suburb of Chicago, owned by "Bottles" Capone (brother of the gang leader "Scarface" Al Capone) were rudely disturbed by the unheralded advent of a squad of Federal prohibition agents who promptly arrested a number of guests in spite of their attempt to destroy evidence of drinking by smashing false glasses and bottles.

The raiders employed an oxy-acetylene blowpipe to open the safe in which was found a number of records which may prove valuable to the authorities.

"Bottles" Capone himself was "not at home" at the time of the raid as he is enjoying two years' Government hospitality at the Federal penitentiary on his conviction for making false income-tax returns.—Reuter Wireless.



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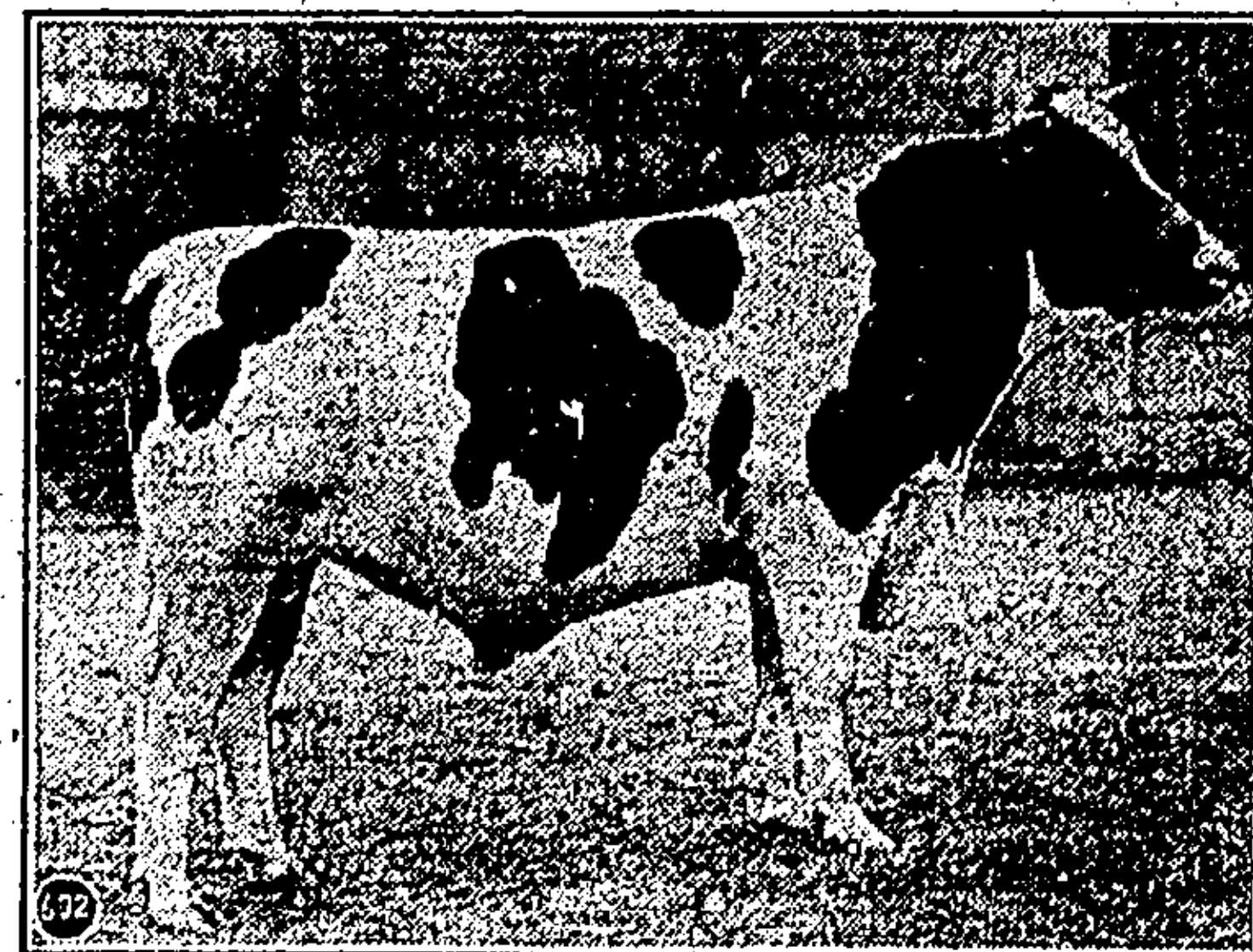
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TO ABOLISH DEFENCE.

Copenhagen, Mar. 12.

Although the Lower House of Parliament, in which the Socialists and Radicals are in a majority, passed the so-called Disarmament Bill, practically abolishing the army and navy, and razing the fortifications, there is no chance of the measure becoming law as it has now to face the Conservative and Liberal majority in the Upper House.—Reuter Wireless.

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RAJPUTANA	10,563	25th Apr.	Marseilles & London.
*SOUDAN	—	2nd May	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
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RANPURA	10,501	20th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*KASHGAR	9,005	4th July	Marseilles, L'don, R'dam & A'werp.
RAWALPINDI	10,019	18th July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*KHYBER	9,114	1st Aug.	Marseilles, L'don, R'dam & A'werp.
*SOMALI	—	8th Aug.	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
RAJPUTANA	10,563	15th Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*KARMA	9,128	29th Aug.	Marseilles & London.
CATHAY	16,121	12th Sept.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
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		10 a.m.	
*KIDDERPORE	5,334	31st Mar.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
NELLORE	6,853	6th Apr.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yama.
KALYAN	9,144	10th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TAKADA	6,949	11th Apr.	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
*BURDWAN		17th Apr.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
BIRDHANA	7,745	24th Apr.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
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TILAWA	10,006	8th May	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
KASHMIR	8,985	8th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
RANPURA	8,956	8th May	S'hai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yama.
*KASHGAR	10,601	22nd May	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
SANTHA	7,754	24th May	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
*KASHGAR	9,005	5th June	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
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Goods remaining undelivered after
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Cases Deaths

Diphtheria 3 0

Enteric fever 7 2

Tuberculosis — 47

Summary to March 21.

The returns from January 1

to March 21 give the following

figures:—

Cases Deaths

Typhoid 52 9

Small-pox 6 4

Scarlet fever 2 —

Diphtheria 37 13

Cerebro-spinal fever 4 2

Puerperal fever 2 1

Tuberculosis — 547

Thirteen of the typhoid cases

were non-Chinese, as were two

scarlet fever cases, one small-pox

case, and twelve diphtheria cases.

One case of smallpox and two of

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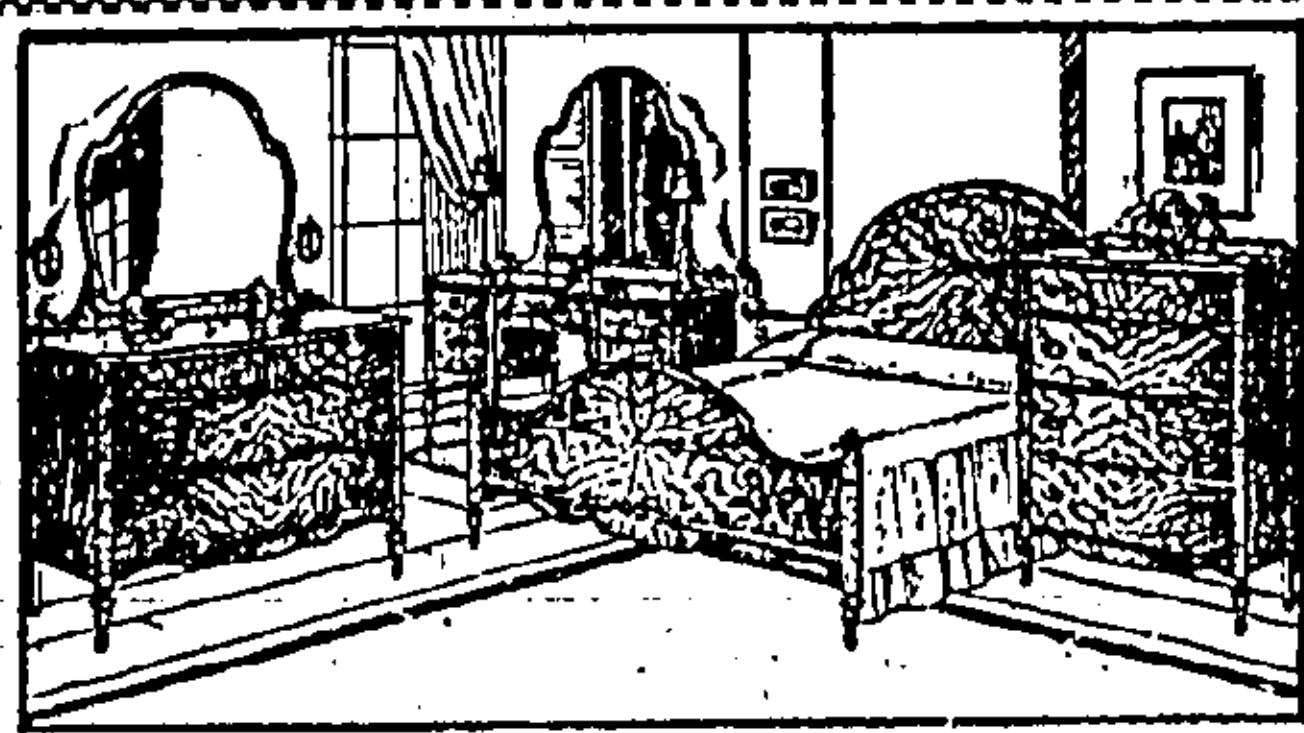
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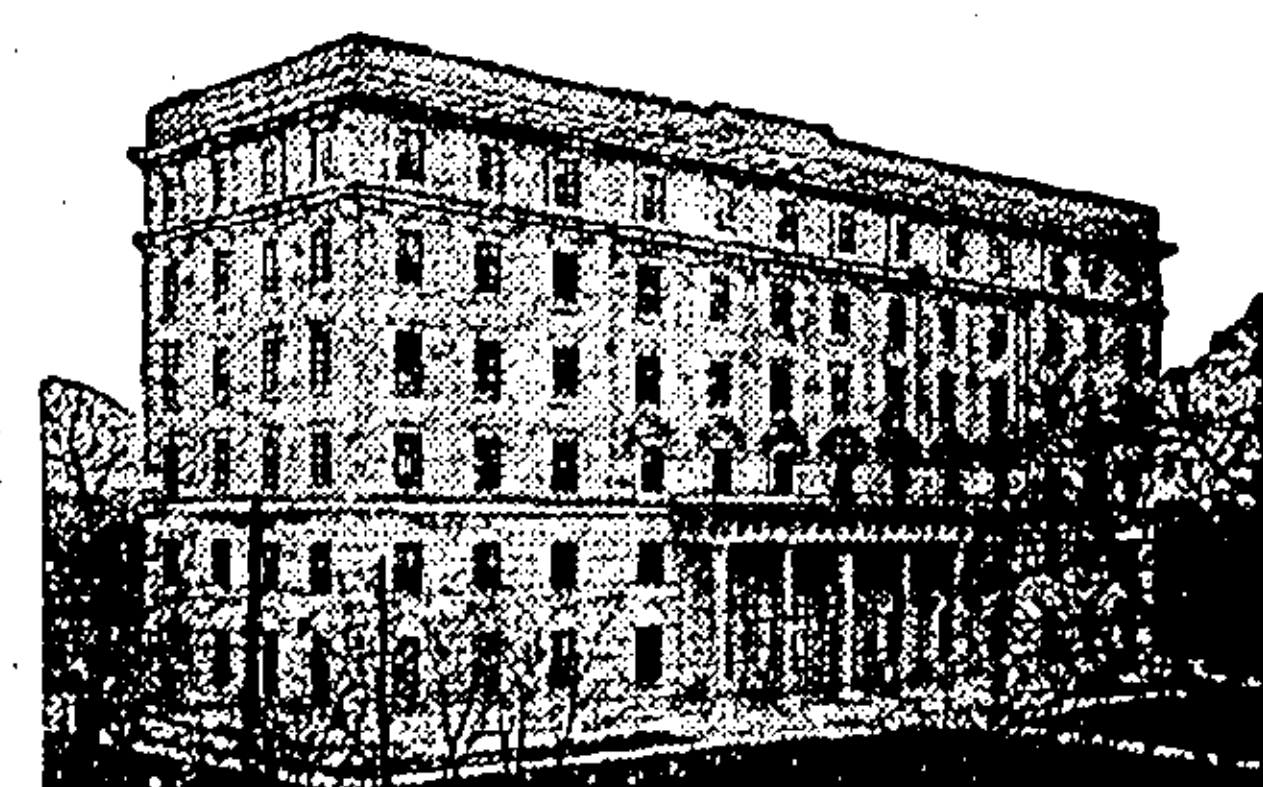
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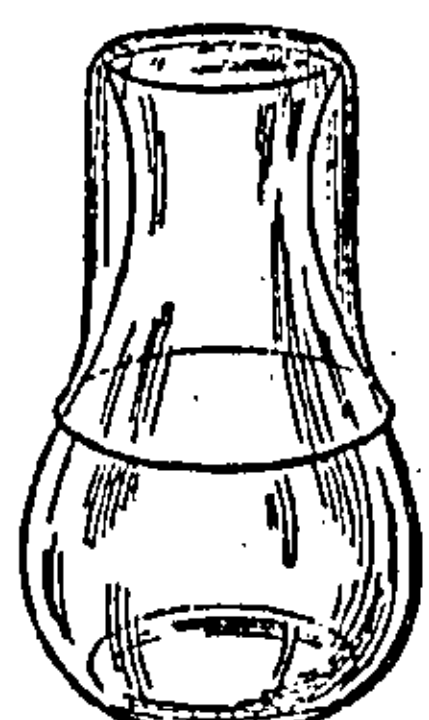
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ANNOUNCEMENT.

Mr. and Mrs. Ho Kwong have
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Mary, to Mr. Sai-wa Liang, B.A.
Oxon., will take place on Mon-
day, March 30, when a reception
will be held at the Roof Garden of
the Hong Kong Hotel at four o'clock
the same afternoon. All friends
are cordially invited to the recep-
tion. No cards will be issued.

Hong Kong, Wednesday, Mar. 25, 1931.

Sterilise the Unfit.

According to a Reuter's cable-
gram to-day the feeble-minded
and insane in the State of Ver-
mont, U.S.A., have to submit to
sterilisation if, as is probable, the
Governor assents to a new Bill
passed by the State Legislature.

There is nothing new in this idea.
Some such measure is badly need-
ed for Hong Kong with its record
of 647 deaths from tuberculosis
since January 1 this year. More-
over, the German National Social-
ists or "Ultra Nationalists" have
created a new slogan for their
struggle. They demand that only
strong healthy persons should be
allowed to have children, that the
weak and sick should be killed.
However monstrous this may
sound, says a despatch to the
China Mail from the Uta Press
Service, Vienna, it is a
question of facts which the
general public cannot any
longer afford to disregard. The
movement had its origin in Jena,
where the National Socialist
Minister of the Interior, against
the protests of specific science,
established a lectureship for
"Race Science" in the University.
Of that town, appointing the
Nationalist Dresden writer, Gun-
ther, to this duty. In his in-
augural lecture Gunther raised

the claim that only persons capa-
ble of procreating healthy issue in
all ranks of the population should
be leaders of the German people
and have the right to beget chil-
dren, while less healthy members
of the community should be con-
demned to childlessness. By this
slogan Gunther introduced the
so-called "selection move-
ment," which is being widely
spread by the National Socialists
and is taking on alarming dimen-
sions.

Gunther deals with his doc-
trines in a book entitled "Race
Science of the German People"
which has already had an edition
of 40,000 copies. Phantastic
ideas and surmises are made to
serve as proofs that the State
has the duty to relegate the weak
and sick into the background, by
condemning them to sterility.
But this by no means represents
the climax of the Nationalist So-
cialist "Selection Movement."

In Weimar another book
has been published which
bears the title: "The Ethics of
Strength." The work culminates
in the following sentence: "The
State should strictly supervise
the extermination of all
weaklings and sick persons. At
annual control assemblies the
state of health of the whole people
shall be examined by the best
medical experts, the sick and
weak being eliminated and de-
stroyed." However incredible it
may sound, this mad theory is
becoming more recognised in the
circles of Nationalist Socialist
youth and has been raised to a
dogma.

In Thuringia the National So-
cialist Minister of the Interior
has repeatedly, since his tenure
of office began, prohibited books
and films and has interfered in
the public life of the intelligent
in a manner more than radi-
cal. We have not heard that this
Minister has prohibited the sale
of "Ethics of Strength" and to
judge from the usual strict con-
ceptions of these German Minis-
ters of small States, one might
suppose that he, in general, ap-
proves of the suggestion of kil-
ling the weak and sick—for the
present only in Thuringia. The
indignation of the German Press
over these occurrences may be
understood. It raises the ques-
tion as to what the war cripples,
the former front soldiers of the
National Socialist Party, say to
this proposal, which prescribes
suicide to them as the only hon-
ourable way, the only heroic deed.
But it is not enough for the news-
papers to discuss this idea of the
National Socialists. It is the
duty of the public authorities to

outline their attitude in face of
matters which begin to take on a
dangerous aspect and which
threaten to undermine the gen-
eral welfare of the German people
to a still further degree than it
already is threatened.

The extent to which the
Nationalist Socialists hope to poi-
son the mentality of the German
people is shown by a lecture which
the National Socialist Deputy to
the Reichstag, Heines, gave in
January in Dresden. Heines was
once sentenced to 15 years' hard
labour for one of the "Feme"
murders. At a recent meeting,
attended by many thousands,
Heines spoke of the assassination
committed by him, the prepara-
tions for which he described
in detail. The climax of his lec-
ture was the murder itself. It
was significant that the attend-
ing crowds applauded the descrip-
tion of the assassination loudly,
so that one must suppose they ap-
proved of the killing of a human
being. All these occurrences
show that the race theory, propa-
gated from Jena by the Nation-
al Socialists, encourages danger-
ous ideas. It may be understood
that the leading Roman Catholic
circle of Germany are the first to
attack this incredible method
theory of the National Socialists
and that they demand that
young people threatened by a
propaganda of this kind should
have matters explained in an-
other light. But this alone will
not suffice and the responsible
authorities of the German realm
will have to undertake steps in
order to keep this movement in
check.

The State Legislature of Ver-
mont, U.S.A., do not propose to
go as far as the German Nation-
alist Socialists. They have no
killing of the weak and the unfit
in the new Bill. All they want
is sterilisation of the feeble-
minded and insane in the inter-
ests of future generations of
American citizens of Vermont
State. In this Colony such a
measure might meet with oppo-
sition; it would undoubtedly be
combated were it to provide for
sterilisation of tubercular pa-
tients. That, however, need not
imply failure of propaganda in
favour of sterilisation, which has
countless arguments in its favour.
May we commend the subject
(including the phase of tuber-
culosis) to the Rotary Club as an
interesting one for an address in
the near future?

News in Brief.

A year ago to-day H.E. the Gov-
ernor opened the new St. Stephen's
College at Stanley.

The lowest open air temperature
yesterday was 64 degrees. The
humidity was 77 at 10 a.m. and 86
at 4 p.m.

An interesting lecture on "Pro-
gress Conditioned by Law and
Commerce" was given by the Rev.
Fr. G. Byrne, S.J., before a large
gathering at the University Union
last night.

An oil painting of Mr. A.
Morris, head master of King's
College, presented by patrons and
past and present pupils, is now
completed and hanging in the Great
Hall of the College.

To-day in the Kowloon Court,
Pan Hui-yau, a Chinese coolie, was
sent to jail for three months for
stealing 8 lb. of tobacco from the
S.S. Talma alongside the Kowloon
Wharf yesterday.

Found trespassing on military
premises at the Shamshuipo Camp
yesterday Lai Sul-lun was brought
before the Kowloon Magistracy
to-day and fined \$10. It was said
that accused was an habitual
offender.

On enquiries at the Kowloon Hos-
pital this morning, the China Mail
learned that Mr. and Mrs. S.
Ashworth, who were involved in a
serious motor accident in Waterloo
Road early yesterday morning, are
both "progressing favourably."

Falling down the staircase at
345, Des Vaux Road Central, Li
Ling-kung (42) stated to be an
unemployed seaman, suffered a
fracture to the base of his skull,
and was removed to the Govern-
ment Civil Hospital in a very serious
condition.

Five members of the crew of the
river steamer Sul Tai who were
charged with the unlawful posses-
sion of 1920 tads of raw opium,
appeared in the Central Police
Court yesterday afternoon. The
charge against one was withdrawn;
three were discharged; and one was
fined \$26,000 or one year's hard
labour.

The very unsatisfactory condi-
tions which prevail in the Colony
as regards post graduate studies
were emphasised by Dr. Li Shi-
pul and Dr. W. I. Gerrard in the
University yesterday evening when
the former delivered an interesting
lecture to members of the Medical
Society on "Post Graduate Studies
Abroad."

A girl, Ng Kiu, aged four years,
and living at 367 Lai-chikok Road,
died at 5 p.m. yesterday, and was
sent to the Kowloon Public
Mortuary. Her mother, in a re-
port to the Police, stated that her
boy, Lo Chong (7), assaulted her
daughter about two days ago, and
the girl took ill immediately after.
However, a doctor examined her
and found no external injuries.

LAND VALUATION IN THE COLONY.

(Continued from Page 1.)

unquestionably the right method.
They have made two calculations—
the first based on the rental, and
the second based upon an estimate
of site and structure value. These
two calculations may, and in fact
do, lead to different results. Their
system, then, is to select a mean
figure between the two results and
embody that figure in their valua-
tion. By this method they have
reached the figure to which they
have testified in this case.

It may be possible in particular
cases to check a result so arrived at
by reference to prices obtained on
the sale of adjacent properties, but
no such material was obtained and
made use of by the witnesses for
the bank. It is probable that
their valuation figure would have
been somewhat higher if they had
noted the fact that one tenement
was being let at too low a rent.

Returns And Site Values.
The essential difference between
their evidence and that given for
the plaintiff appears in two factors.
The plaintiff's witness adopts the
figure of 6 1/2 per cent. per annum
as the proper net return from which
to calculate the capital value of a
property for investment; the de-
fendants' witnesses, on the other
hand, have adopted 8 per cent.

Further, with reference to the
site value, it was, in the opinion of
the plaintiff's witness, worth \$46
per square foot, while in the opinion
of the defendants' witnesses, it
was worth not more than \$30 per
square foot. The use of these
different factors in calculation will
explain the divergence between the
two valuations.

Mr. Clark Correct.
Without hesitation I accept Mr.
Caer Clark's valuation as correct.
Both Mr. MacKichan and Col. Bird
have stated that for a number of
years they have made a practice of
using the 8 per cent. factor in valua-
tions of property in the Colony.
It thus appears that their valua-
tions take no account of the
variation in the earning power of
money at different periods.

It is well known that the bank
rate of interest and the mortgage
rate of interest have been lower re-
cently and was lower at the date
of these valuations than they had
been, say, five or ten years earlier.
The valuations made for the bank
seem to me to be vitiated by this
fact.

"Conditions As They Existed."
Mr. Caer Clark, in adopting his
factor of 6 1/2 per cent., took into
account conditions as they actually
existed. As to the question of
structure value, the witnesses are
sufficiently agreed. With refer-
ence to the site it may be supposed
that any estimate must be a matter
of opinion adopted without specified
foundation.

The reasons which lead me to pre-
fer Mr. Caer Clark's view on this
point are these:—In the first place
I am satisfied that the second sale
of this property was entirely bona
fide. The purchaser dealt with a
broker who demanded \$44,000, the
purchaser's first offer was \$41,000,
and the bargain was closed at
\$42,000.

It is a fact, no doubt, that the
purchaser especially desired to ac-
quire the premises for personal
reasons, but it has been agreed by
all witnesses that property market
values have not appreciably in-
creased or fallen during the last
five years, and as it is on record that
the adjoining house, No. 4, Ko
Shing Street, was sold by public
auction in December, 1926, being
a slightly less valuable property,
for \$38,000, it would seem clear that
the last purchaser of this property
has not paid more than its market
value.

No Steps Taken.
Before the sale by the bank no
steps were taken to ascertain the
value of the property sold. It ap-
pears to me that the true value of
the property was \$42,000, and that
the sale was conducted without any

steps being taken by the bank to
ascertain the true value. For these
reasons, on this part of her claim,
the plaintiff must also, in my
opinion, succeed.

Judgment For Plaintiff.

In the result, my judgment is for
the plaintiff. She is entitled to
recover as damages the sum of
\$42,000, the value of her property,
and also rents and profits at the
rate of \$211 per month, calculated
from February 14, 1930, to the date
of this present judgment, and costs.

Counsel for plaintiff:—Mr. Eldon
Pötter K.C., and Mr. H. G. Sheldon
instructed by G. K. Hall Brutton &
Co. Counsel for defendant: Mr.
F. C. Jenkin, K.C., instructed by
Deacons.

BOUGHT FOR \$20.

MUI-TSUI'S COMPLAINT AGAINST MISTRESS.

ILL TREATMENT ALLEGED.

Chan Tai-ho, of No. 175, Temple
Street, was prosecuted by the
S.C.A. for keeping an unregist-
ered mul-tai.

Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen said the
mul-tai came to the S.C.A. and
complained of consistent ill treat-
ment from her mistress. She said
that she had looked for many op-
portunities to get away from the
house but had been unable to do
so until last Monday. She also
said that last time she was beaten
was on March 11.

Mr. Macfadyen: "All I have to
prove to your Worship is that the
money was paid for the complain-
ant and that she performs domes-
tic duties."

Questioned by Mr. Hamilton, the
complainant said she was purchas-
ed by the defendant for \$20 at the
age of three, and she was now 19,
having been a mul-tai most of
her life. She was frequently
beaten by the defendant, and once
hit with the broom handle. Her
mistress wanted her to marry a
Portuguese man, but she refused.

A Debt of \$120.
The defendant alleged the com-
plainant was her daughter, or
rather, her adopted daughter. She
was a friend of complainant's
parents, and agreed to liquidate a
debt of \$120, and in return, was
to have the services of the girl.

She treated her like a daughter,
and sent her to school for two
years. Recently the girl had got
into the habit of staying out all
night and it was on this account
she was chastised. On one occa-
sion the girl seized her by the
collar while she was sleeping and
defendant had to bite her hand to
make her leave go.

Mr. Hamilton: "No matter what
the girl did, you have broken the
law yourself and I fine you \$100,
or one month's imprisonment."

Another Case.
To-day Wong Chu-ki pleaded
"guilty" in the Kowloon Police
Court to keeping an unregistered
mul-tai at Reclamation Street.
Owing to his non-appearance in
Court yesterday, his bail of \$50
was estreated.

In imposing a fine of \$25, Mr.
E. W. Hamilton said that he was
taking into consideration the bail
estreatment.

It was stated that the mul-tai
concerned made allegations con-
cerning her employer to the Police
on Saturday last.

LORD PRIVY SEAL.

JOURNALIST SUCCEEDS MR. VERNON HARTSHORN.

EDITOR OF FORWARD.

London, Yesterday.
Mr. Thomas Johnston, Labour
Member of Parliament for Dundee
since 1929, and Parliamentary
Under-Secretary for Scotland, has
been appointed Lord Privy Seal in
succession to the late Mr. Vernon
Hartshorn.—Reuter.

[Mr. Johnston, who is a journal-
ist, was born in Kirkcubright, Dum-
bartonshire, in 1882, and was edu-
cated at Lenzie Academy and Glas-
gow University. He is the founder
and Editor of Forward and a pub-
lic speaker on financial and histori-
cal questions.]

Motorist: I have killed your cat,
but have come to replace it.
Old Lady: Thank you very much;
but I am afraid that you cannot
catch mice!

Knowledgeable Person: (to boat-
man, trying to get victim of ac-
cident aboard). Let me stun him
with this oar—then you'll be able
to fish him out quite easily!

Ten Years Ago.

(From the "China Mail" of
March 25, 1921.)

To-day's dollar is worth 2/4%.

The dispute between the packers
of the Talkoo Sugar Refinery and
their employers has been settled, the
employers granting the 30 per cent.
increase demanded, and increasing
the overtime rate from 30 cents to
40 cents.

RADIUM IN CANCER TREATMENT

Powerful Weapon; Not Yet A "Cure."

"THE SCOURGE OF MANKIND."

Dreaded Disease Shows An Increase.

The disquieting fact that cancer, "the scourge of mankind," is indubitably upon the increase, was disclosed by Dr. J. H. Montgomery in the course of an address to the Rotarian Club at the weekly tiffin yesterday. His subject was "Radium, its History, Source, Physics, and Use," and the speaker dealt in detail with the progress made in dealing with the disease by the use of radium.

Dr. Montgomery emphasised the importance of early treatment of the disease. The chances of disappearance were six times as great in the case of early treatment as compared with what were termed the inoperable cases. In fact, of the early cases 70 to 80 per cent. could be made to disappear.

As to whether radium could at present be called a "cure" for cancer, the speaker rather deprecated the use of the word. But he was prepared to claim and affirm most strongly that in radium we had a most powerful weapon to fight that enemy of mankind.

THE PERILOUS 40'S.

In the course of his address, Dr. Montgomery made the rather startling announcement that out of every ten people over forty years of age, three at least eventually developed cancer, although it attacked all ages, and he himself had seen scores of cases in children under one year old.

Regarding the history of radium, the speaker said it was a short one, but none the less interesting in that many of the original investigators were still living and still carrying on their research work.

Dr. Montgomery then traced the history of radium, beginning with the discovery in 1896 by



Wife of Chicago Gangster (looking in at poker party): "Now, Al, no gun-play to-night—I've just got the twins off to sleep."

Passing Show, London.

Röntgen of the X-ray. When the news was at its height came the announcement of Becquerel's discovery of the radiative properties of certain uranium preparations which had certain actions upon a photographic plate. This, and other discoveries which followed, were even more remarkable than the discovery of Röntgen. Other radioactive substances were gradually eliminated, until radium was finally issued to the world in 1911.

Source of Radium.

Radium had as its source pitchblende, a uranium mineral. There were few places in the world where radium could not be detected, but in no particular place was it found in any considerable quantity. Until 1922 4/5 of the world's supply came from mines in Colorado, but at the present time 95 per cent. of the world's supply came from Belgium, the ore being mined in the Belgian Congo, and the radium eliminated in Belgium. One gram, or 14.932 grammes of radium required 500 tons of ore and 250 tons of chemicals were needed to treat it. There was only one part of radium to 3,400,000 parts of uranium.

Radium emitted three kinds of rays. They were the Alpha, Beta, and Gamma Rays. The Gamma rays were non-electrically radiations, or vibrations, and were most used for the treatment of disease. They travelled at the rate of 186,000 miles per second, which was the speed of light. In addition there was an emanation from radium in the form of a gas.

The Scourge of Cancer.

Speaking of the uses of radium, Dr. Montgomery said that, although it was used in the treatment of many diseases, the one he wished to deal with in particular was that terrible scourge of mankind, cancer. He did not think that the general public realised what a scourge this disease was at the present time, or the appalling number of deaths of which it was the cause. In this connection he could tell his hearers that the most susceptible period in life to cancer was that of over 40 years of age. Out of

every ten people over forty-three at least would eventually develop cancer.

But cancer attacked all ages. "I have seen scores and scores of cases of cancer in children of less than one year old," said the speaker. He had seen cancer at all ages, and sometimes as many as ten cancerous growths in infants and boys and girls in their teens. "It is unfortunate, but true, that the earlier cancer attacks a person the more malignant it is, and the less the chance of recovering."

Speaking of the prevalence of cancer, Dr. Montgomery said that vital statistics for last year showed that 56,896 people died last year in England and Wales, from the dread disease. This was the highest on record. This brought up the question, "was cancer really on the increase?" One year ago, in answer to that question he would have answered that the increase was only apparent. He would have said that more attention was being focused on the subject, and that investigation was causing more cases to be brought to light that had passed unnoticed before.

But to-day he would say that cancer was actually on the increase. A tour round the world, and the consequent consultations with experts in every country he had visited, had made him come to that conclusion.

Can Cancer Be Prevented?

As regards prevention of cancer, at the present time nothing could be done to prevent its coming on. There was very little that could be done to prevent its coming on later in life. Malaria, leprosy, tuberculosis, and plague, amongst other diseases could be avoided by preventative measures earlier in life, but this stage had not yet been reached in the treatment of cancer.

The speaker went on to deal with the dangers of chronic irritation as a potential cause of cancer. A chronic irritation set up by a jagged tooth might set up cancer of the tongue; cancer of the lip might be set up through chronic irritation by smoking, and so on. Chronic irritation of any kind, mechanical, thermal, or pathological, predisposed to cancer.

It is, therefore, a wise precaution, the speaker continued, to avoid all forms of chronic irritation, but beyond that there is little that we can suggest.

The Diet Problem.

Has diet anything to do with the problem? At one time some authorities thought it had, but it is hard to accept that as cancer is a world-wide disease, no country, no race, being immune from it from the ice-bound countries of the north and south to the equator. The diets used in these countries differ greatly, and yet all are liable to the disease and almost the only things common to the diets of all these countries are water and salt, and as far as we know these cannot be blamed.

Surgery's Efforts.

All classes, too, are affected from the highest in the land to the humblest and poorest. If nothing can be done at present to prevent the disease attacking people, is there anything that can be done once the disease manifests itself? Until recent years surgery was the only treatment worth considering, and surgeons devised and carried out the most wonderful operations to rid a patient of cancer. As their skill grew and their knowledge of the speed of cancer grew these operations were extended, not only to attack the site of the disease but also to attack the lymphatics and glands into which and by

which the cancer spreads. The most skillful surgeons doing the most powerful operations often failed, the severity of the operation sometimes killed a patient or they were unable to get wide of the disease, and so the cancer recurred ending, before long, in the death of the patient.

The "Bequerel Burn."

The use of radium in case of cancer had its origin in the famous "Bequerel burn." Professor Bequerel was in the habit of carrying a tube of radium in his waistcoat pocket. Within fourteen days he discovered that he had a severe inflammation on his skin. Since that time investigation into the action of radium on tissues had gone on, resulting in its present application.

Dr. Montgomery then described the method by which the rays were applied. The Alpha and Beta rays were cut off by screens, allowing the Gamma rays to act upon the affected tissues. He then described the apparatus used for radio treatment.

Is Radium A Cure?

I am sure a question in the minds of many of you is this, the speaker continued. Is radium a cure for cancer, or does radium do more for cancer patients than surgery is doing or has done in the past? First of all I would answer that "cure" is an unfortunate word regarding cancer as it is in other diseases. It would be necessary to define what is meant by the word "cure." Few people to-day would claim that tuberculosis or leprosy can be cured in the sense that the disease is irradiated and will never return, but they would claim that the disease can be arrested or become quiescent or show no visible signs and gives rise to no symptoms. I would claim and affirm most strongly that we have in radium a most powerful weapon to fight the enemy of mankind—cancer. It does produce disappearance of the active growth and tumour in many cases and the cessation of symptoms such as pain, hemorrhage, etc., and in the cases where it does not produce complete disappearance of the growth there is a prolongation of life in most cases.

No Mutilation.

It is able to help many cases that surgeons would not attempt to operate on. It causes little or no mutilation, there is little risk to life in applying it and it is painless to the patient in most cases, though, many needles inserted into the tongue for example, cause discomfort amounting to pain. It obviates the necessity for a prolonged surgical operation when whole organs are removed and the immediate risk to life from irradiation by radium is practically nil as compared to the grave risk of serious surgical operations. For cancer of the face, tongue, soft palate, tonsils larynx, radium gives far better results than surgery and is more and more used in these sites.

Catch Cases Early.

For years, surgeons have been showing the importance of getting cases early while it is still a local disease and before it has spread to other organs through the lymphatics and blood stream. As regards radium treatment it is equally important to get the cases early, and if seen early before metastases have occurred, the local growth can in 70 to 80 per cent. of cases be made to disappear. Let me cite but one example. In one common situation where cancer attacks people, the cases are divided according to the stage they are seen at into (1) early cases, (2) border-line cases (3) inoperable cases. After treatment with radium in group on the early cases, seventy per cent. showed no sign of cancer after a period of five years. In group (2) the border line case, only 40 per cent. showed no sign of cancer after five years and in group (3) the inoperable cases, only twelve per cent. showed no signs of cancer after five years. In other words the chances of disappearance of the disease are six times as great in the early cases as compared with the late cases.

A Dangerous Fallacy.

It is unfortunate that the idea has got abroad that pain is an early manifestation of cancer and if a lump or tumour gives rise to no pain it is usually benign and harmless. That idea is contradictory to the facts. Pain, as a rule, only occurs in the last stages of cancer and the cases that have come to be seen when pain urges them to seek advice are usually beyond all hope of cure or amelioration.

I believe in the earlier stages of cancer, a combination of surgery and radium treatment is the best and in the later stages, or in treating recurrences, radium is the best method. In presenting to you the case for radium, I do not wish to be unduly optimistic and lead anyone to think that, in radium, we have a case for all cases of cancer. It is true that even with radium treatment many cases are lost and others recur just as they do after operations, but I think that it is not the fault

of the radium but because our methods are not yet perfect by which we can reach every cancer cell and give it a lethal dose without destroying the healthy tissues. Radium treatment of cancer is still in its infancy and as already given wonderful results and I believe that as a result of the careful research being done all over the world at the present time by the most eminent physicians, surgeons, physicists, and chemists that the cause of cancer will be discovered and that the gamma rays of radium will conquer cancer, that hitherto unconquered foe. (Applause.)

Dr. Montgomery was thanked by the Hon. Dr. A. R. Wellington for his instructive address.

COTTON SCHEME.

MORTGAGE DEBENTURES FOR £2,000,000.

RATIONALISATION.

London, Yesterday. The Lancashire Cotton Corporation, which was formed last year, is issuing on Friday first mortgage debentures for £2,000,000, for six years at 6½ per cent.

The proceeds of the issue will be used partly for reconditioning and modernising the mills which the Corporation has acquired in the execution of its objective of rationalising part of the Lancashire cotton-spinning trade through acquisition and amalgamation.—Reuter.

(The first balance sheet of the Corporation, published last week, showed a net loss of £162,638 of which £26,300 is accounted for by writing down stocks from their cost to the present market price. The remainder of the loss is related to actual mill trading and is principally due to the small percentage of the machinery worked.)

TORY JAPAN.

TWO LABOUR BILLS SHELVED BY HOUSE.

EXIST ON SUFFERANCE.

Tokyo, Yesterday. Both the Labour Union Bill and Labour Disputa Bill which passed the Lower House, have been shelved by the Upper House in the Committee stage.

Consequently labour unions will continue to exist only on sufferance, pending the passage of a new Bill according to their legal recognition, which will probably be introduced next session.—Reuter.

(The Labour Union Bill recognised the right of workers to organise and resort to collective action within specified limits. It was introduced into the Lower House on February 20 and was followed by a complementary Bill aiming at the control of labour disputes.)

AUSTRALIA'S DEBT.

MUST OBTAIN FUNDS BY JUNE 30.

TREASURY'S DILEMMA.

Canberra, Yesterday. Unless the Commonwealth obtains funds in London by the 30th of June public default is inevitable, declared the Treasurer, Mr. Theodore, in introducing into the House of Representatives a bill amending the Commonwealth Bank Act. The main provisions of the Bill are the abolition of the statutory gold reserve and the shipping to London of the gold thus released for the payment of debts.—Reuter.

CUSTOMS PACT.

NO DEFINITE DECISION YET REACHED.

Vienna, Yesterday. No definite decision has been reached by Austria and Germany regarding the Customs convention. The fact is stressed by the newspaper Neue Freie Presse, which states that when the representatives of France, Italy and Czechoslovakia called to protest regarding the agreement, the Foreign Minister, Dr. Schober, told them that no decision had been come to, but that Austria and Germany had merely expressed readiness to enter into negotiations aiming at a Customs and commercial rapprochement.—Reuter.

NO FRANCHISE.

JAPANESE BILL HEAVILY DEFEATED.

Tokyo, Yesterday. In accordance with expectations the Bill proposing to grant local franchise to women, passed by the Lower House on February 23, has been heavily defeated in the Upper House.—Reuter.

(The Bill provided for the enfranchisement of women for the purposes of elections for the city, town, and village autonomous assemblies. A similar Bill introduced during the previous session of the Diet was shelved by the Peers.)

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SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL.

Social Functions.

To-day—Tea Dance at Hong Kong Hotel.

To-night—Dinner Dances at Peninsula and Repulse Bay Hotels.

To-day—Old Alleynians' Dinner, Lane, Crawford's, 8.15 p.m.

Entertainments.

To-day — Queen's Theatre, "Madame Satan."

To-day — Central Theatre, "The Cohens & Kelly's in Africa."

To-day — Majestic Theatre, "Sarah and Son."

To-day — Star Theatre, "Exquisite Sinner."

To-day — World Theatre, "Story of Movie Land" (Chinese picture).

To-morrow—Professor Weldon Talwar at Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

March 31 — King's Theatre, "Monte Carlo."

Meetings.

To-morrow—Hong Kong Fire Insurance Co., Jardine's Boardroom, noon.

To-morrow—Legislative Council, 2.30 p.m.

To-morrow—Development, Building and Savings Society, 2.30 p.m.

March 27—Hong Kong Rope Manufacturing Co., St. George's Building, 11 a.m.

March 30—Society of St. George, Jardine Matheson's Board Room, 5.30 p.m.

March 30—Hong Kong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., 2, Queen's Building, noon.

March 31—Union Waterboat Co. Ltd., at Messrs. Dowdell's Office, 8 p.m.

Home Mails.

To-day—Inward from Europe via Siberia (Gange); Outward for America, 6 p.m., and Europe via Siberia, 6 p.m. (Hiyo Maru), 6 p.m. Lammer's Auctions.

Friday — At 17, Humphreys Building, Kowloon, household furniture, 10.30 a.m.

Saturday—At 4, Wing Lok Building (top floor), Nathan Road, Kowloon, household furniture, 10.30 a.m.

Miscellaneous.

To-day—Annual Lenten Sermon at Catholic Cathedral, Glenelg, 6 p.m.

To-day—Lecture by Professor L. Forster, Union Assembly Room, University, 8.30 p.m.

To-morrow—Ying Wah Girls' School speech day, 5.30 p.m.

SIR. A. SYMONDS DEAD.

Secretary to the Board of Education.

MARRIED AT 52.

Rugby, Yesterday.

The Permanent Secretary of the Board of Education, Sir Aubrey Symonds, died this morning, aged 57.—British Wireless Service.

(Sir Aubrey Symonds, K.C.B., had been Permanent Secretary of the Board of Education since 1925. Born in 1874, the eldest son of the late Arthur G. Symonds, he was educated at Bedford School and University College, Oxford. In 1926, at the age of 52, he married a daughter of the late Sir G. W. de la Voie. Sir Aubrey was second Secretary of the Ministry of Health from 1919-1925.)

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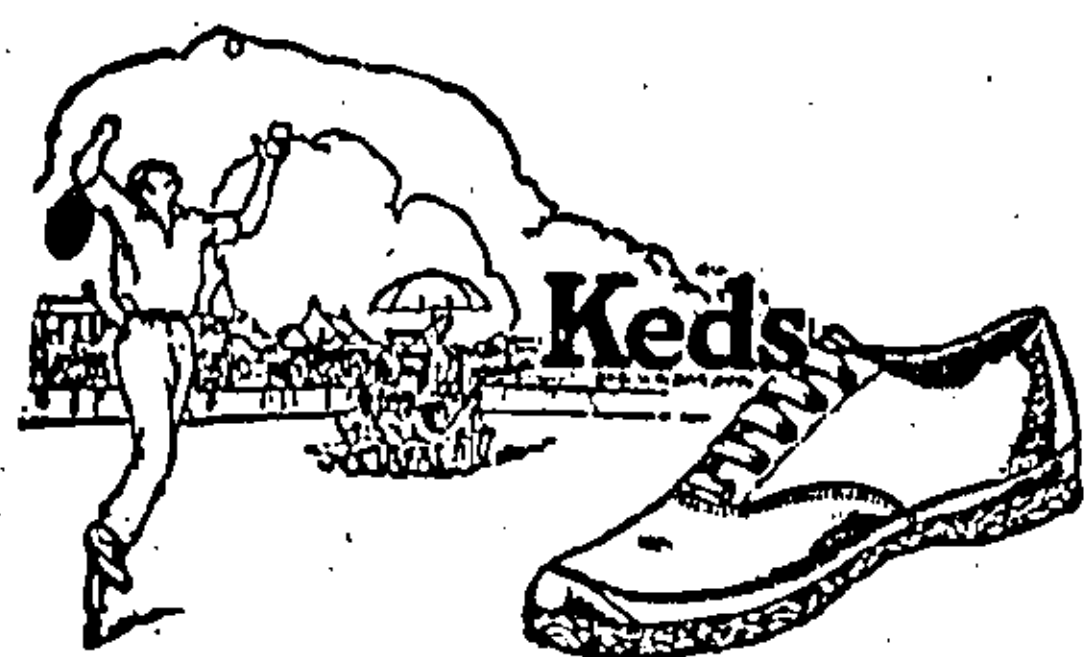
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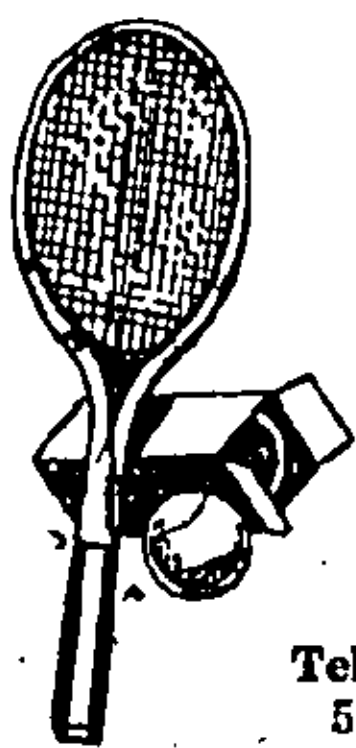
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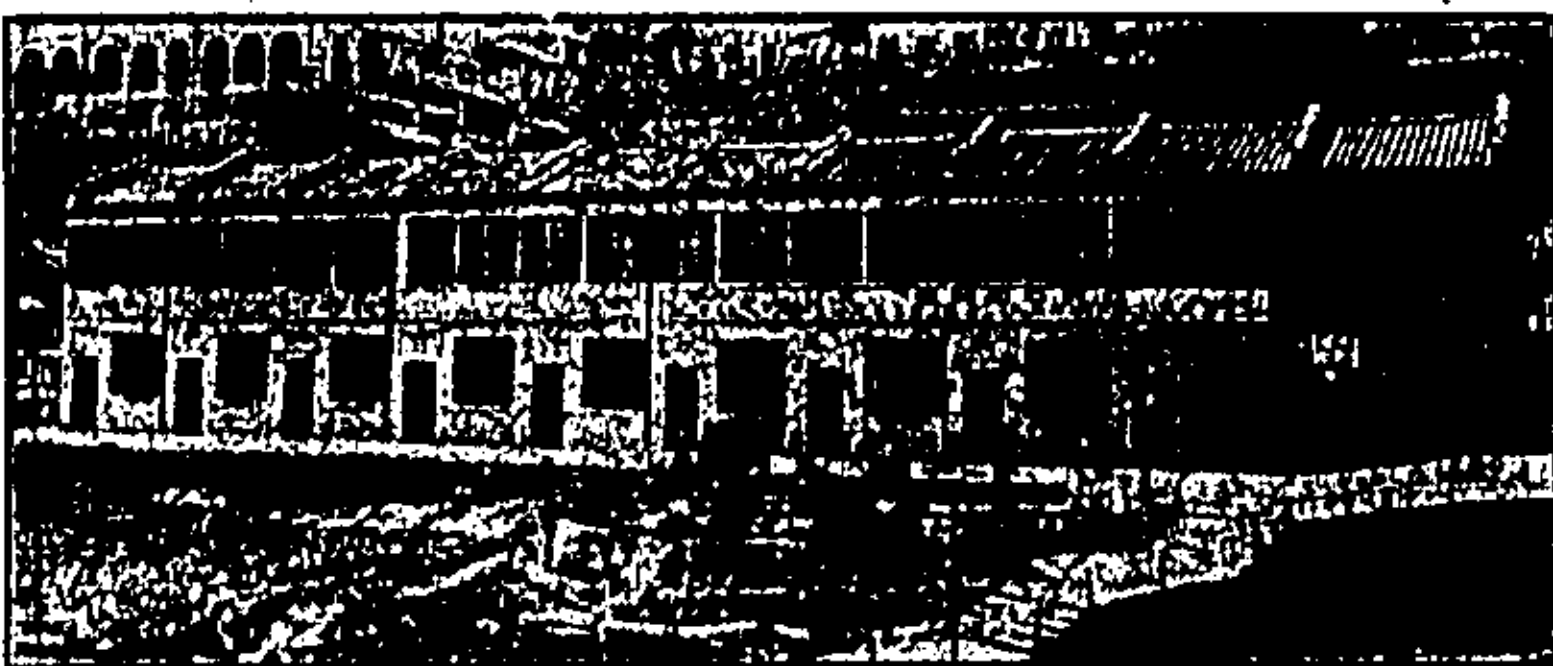
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ONLY FIVE NOW.

By the death at Tschchow, Shansi, of the Rev. Stanley P. Smith, on January 31, the second break has occurred in a famous group of athlete-missionaries known as the "Cambridge Seven," who left London for China over forty-six years ago.

The first break in the "Seven" was caused by the death of Bishop Cassels in China five years ago. Lifetime in China.

"Smith was struck in the Cambridge Eight in 1882, and would have done excellently at his books had he given as much attention to them as to rowing. He was the son of a London surgeon.

"He was sent to the Province of Shansi to learn the language. He soon became an eloquent in Chinese as in English, and he spent all his life in the province. For thirty years he had been working at Tschchow.

"The rest of the 'Cambridge Seven' are just around 70. C. T. Studd, who played in the 'Ashes' match against Australia, and was one of the famous cricketing brothers, celebrated his 70th birthday in the Belgian Congo, where he is now a missionary.

"Sir Montagu Beauchamp was for thirty years in China, and has only just come back from a visit. Arthur Polhill was forty years in China, and is now a Hertfordshire vicar. His elder brother, Cecil, worked for some time on the border of Tibet. Both played cricket for Eton and Trinity Hall, Cambridge. Mr. D. E. Hoste, 'the fifth,' was for 30 years director of the China Inland Mission."

GRIMMETT'S BOWLING RECORD.

Since Connection With
South Australia.

ONLY SIX SEASONS.

Adelaide, Feb. 28. C. V. Grimmett, the Test bowler, has made a new record in Sheffield Shield cricket by taking more than 212 wickets. Hitherto the record has been held by Ernest Jones, also a South Australian, with 208, closely followed by Saunders, of Victoria, and George Giffen, of South Australia.

Grimmett's record, however, is the more remarkable because he has taken all his wickets in a little more than six seasons of cricket. All but nine have been taken since he transferred to South Australia at the start of the 1924-5 season. He has now obtained 661 wickets in first-class cricket, a total only exceeded in Australia by G. Giffen, C. T. Turner, H. Trumble, F. R. Spofforth, W. W. Armstrong, and A. A. Mailey.

EX-CAMBRIDGE MAN'S FINE JUMP.

British Ski Jumping
Record.

TREMENDOUS ADVANCE.

Murren, Feb. 26. Mr. Guy Nixon, the former Cambridge captain, made a new British ski-jumping record with a leap of 82 metres (269 ft. 6 in. approximately). The Norwegian Ruud's world record jump of 270 feet yesterday has been confirmed by Mr. Arnold Lun, the authority of skiing. Mr. Nixon's jump is a tremendous advance on anything previously done by a British ski jumper, as there is no record of anything better than 60 metres.—Press Association Foreign Special.

YESTERDAY'S LAWN TENNIS.

No Surprises in the
Results.

There were only two Open Championship events on the programme at the H.K.C.C. yesterday afternoon, and only four matches in all.

The following were the full results:-

Open Singles.

E. C. Fincher beat Ng Sze-cheung 6-1, 6-4.
Ng Sze-kwong beat W. T. Lee 6-3, 6-3.

Club Championship.

R. H. Wild beat H. J. Armstrong 6-1, 6-3.

Handicap Singles "A."

A. C. I. Bowker (rec. 1/8) beat G. Segalen (owe 3/6) 6-4, 6-2.

LACROSSE VICTORY FOR OXFORD.

Seventh Successive Win
Over Cambridge.

Oxford, Feb. 27.

The inter-University lacrosse match was played at Oxford yesterday in unfavourable conditions, a drizzling rain making the foothold very insecure. Oxford have an enviable record in this branch of sport, as since 1911 they have not been defeated by Cambridge, although in 1924 the result was a draw of six goals all.

In the first quarter of an hour the play was very uneventful, the Cambridge defence holding all the Oxford attacks, and when Oxford did find their form Allbury, the Cambridge goalkeeper, made some fine clearances. After Giddens had opened the scoring for Oxford, goals were added in quick succession by McDonagh, Farinholts (2), and Giddens, so that Oxford led at the interval by six clear goals.

On crossing over, Cambridge made a splendid effort to retrieve their fortunes and Scoopes scored a fine goal. They were unable to maintain the pressure, however, and Farinholts, Giddens, Usherwood, and McDonagh claimed goals for Oxford. Then again Cambridge showed much improved form, and goals were placed to their credit by Smith and Sharp.

Result:
Oxford 10
Cambridge 3

In the series of matches Oxford have won fifteen times against seven by Cambridge.

NEXT MARATHON WINNER.

WILL IT BE NURMI?

Writes H. M. Abrahams, the English athletic authority: "The great Nurmi added yet another world's record to his already over-burdened bag early in September, and now brings his total up to ten. His latest achievement was over 20,000 metres (12 miles 752 yards) which he covered in 1hr. 4min. 38.4-5 sec. "What I would really like to see would be whether Nurmi could run 12 miles in the hour. He got within 112 yards of his achievement, when he set up his hour's world's record in 1928 and I for one am convinced he could get that extra bit out of himself. One thing is plain—the 1932 Marathon winner at Los Angeles will be P. Nurmi."

GORDON BENNETT BALLOON RACE.

Decline of Ballooning in
Great Britain.

BRITISH BID.

London, Feb. 24.

Great Britain has never won the Gordon Bennett Balloon race, which, although admittedly of less importance than many aeronautical and other competitions, has considerable interest.

Owing to the decline of ballooning in Great Britain it would be impossible to find in existence in Britain a balloon which could compete with American, French, German and other balloons which will meet again this year in rivalry in the United States.

Plans, it is understood, have been made for the building of a special balloon with new features, which would make it a formidable competitor, and that the only obstacle is lack of sufficient means (no more than about £1,200) for construction. All other costs of competing would be defrayed by those interested.

The Airship Club, which is affiliated with the London Aero Club, is unable this year to compete, but certain members of the club have worked out technical problems which, they claim, would give Great Britain a good chance of winning.

EXCHANGES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

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6-6.30 p.m.—Chinese Children's
Programme.

7-10.30 p.m.—European Pro-
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7-7.34 p.m.—Operatic.

Band—
Aida—Introduction & Moorish Ballet,
Grand March & Finale (Verdi),
Creator's Band (36780).

Song—
Le Prophete—Prison Scene
(Mayerbeer),
Sigrid Onegin, Contralto
(7140).

Song—
Travinta—Thy Home in Fair Pro-
vence (Verdi),
Giuseppe De Luca, Baritone
(7065).

Orchestral—
Carmen—March of the Smugglers
(Bizet),
Philadelphia Symphony Orch.
(6874).

Song—
Pagliacci—No Ponchello No More
(Leoncavallo),
Giovanni Martinelli with
Metropolitan Opera
Chorus (6754).

Song—
L'Africana—Adamastor, Ruler of
the Ocean,
Rita Ruffo, Baritone (7153).

7.34-7.50 p.m.—Organ Solo.
Rhapsody in Blue (Gershwin),
Jesse Crawford (22343).

Organ Paraphrase on Love's Old
Sweet Song,
a. Morning Dew,
b. The Old Oak Tree (Power),
Arthur Meale (21426).

7.50-8.02 p.m.—Old English Bal-
lads,
a. Walk Him Along Johnny,
b. Johnny Comes Down to Hillo,
c. O Shallow Brown,
d. Miss Lucy Long,
John Goss & Cathedral Male
Quartet (2940).

a. Blow the Man Down,
b. Tom's Goss to Hillo,
John Goss & Cathedral Male
Quartet (2698).

8.02-8.35 p.m.—
Quintette in E Flat Major
(Schumann),
Ossip Gabrilowitch and the
Fonzy Quartet (8092-5).

8.35-9 p.m.—
Carnival of the Animals
(Saint-Saens),
Leopold Stokowski and the
Philadelphia Orchestra
(7202-02).

9 p.m.—Weather Report, Local
Time, etc.

9.05-10.30 p.m.—European Con-
cert from the Studio.
Pianoforte Solo by Miss L. Pecker—
Selected.

Songs by Mrs. Sanger (Soprano),
accompanied by Miss L. Pecker.
a. Ave Maria (Schubert),
b. Long Long Ago (Traditional).

Songs by Mr. J. D'Aguiar (Baritone),
accompanied by Miss L. Pecker.
a. Prologue from Pagliacci
(Leoncavallo),
b. Povero Pulcinella (Buzzi-Peccia).

Messrs. Winram & True will damage
the Pianos.
Songs—Mrs. M. Portallion (Contralto)
accompanied by Miss L. Pecker.
a. Trees (Rachael),
b. Sylvia (Schubert).

Songs by Mr. J. D'Aguiar (Baritone),
accompanied by Miss L. Pecker.
a. La Orilla de un Palmer (Ponce),
b. Five Gentils (Calamain).

Songs by Mrs. Sanger (Soprano),
accompanied by Miss L. Pecker.
a. There is a Lady Sweet & Kind
(Puccini),
b. Selected.

Messrs. Winram & True will further
damage the Pianos.
Songs—Mrs. M. Portallion (Contralto)
accompanied by Miss L. Pecker.
a. My Prayer (Squire),
a. Ye Banks & Braes
(arranged Martin Shaw).

Pianoforte Solo by Miss L. Pecker—
Selected.

10.30 p.m.—Close Down.

SHIPPING LOSSES.

392 German Vessels Sunk
In 1930.

The total losses of the world's
mercantile marine in 1930 are
stated by the German Lloyd to be
392 vessels, with a gross tonnage
of 425,413, as compared with 409
vessels of a gross tonnage of
604,703 in 1929. The losses in-
cluded 246 steamers of 339,405
gross tons, 14 motor-vessels of
38,199 tons, 37 auxiliary vessels of
39,928 tons.

The German mercantile marine's
total loss consisted of 19 vessels of
86,744 tons gross, as compared with
27 vessels of 25,695 gross tons in
1929.

\$54,000,000.

L.C.C. Expenditure On
Housing.

London, Mar. 13.

It is revealed to-day that since
the War, the London County Council
has spent \$29,000,000 in building
houses, yet the programme is only
half completed.
Another \$25,000,000 is to be
spent.—Reuter Wireless.

CONCERT MANNERS.

THE CEREMONY OF THE
PLATFORM.

The ceremony of the concert
platform, especially the manner
of mounting and leaving it, was
once a more fastidious business
than it is to-day. The modern
artist simply walks on, performs
—and walks off apparently in-
different to what effect he has
produced, whether it came up to
public expectation, fell short of it,
or surpassed it. But this indiffer-
ence is assumed, it is part of the
hocus pocus of the trick; no per-
former is really unmindful of his
success, writes Francesco Berger
in The Times.

Much bowing by men and curtsy-
ing by women had formerly to be
observed by singers at concerts—
before the song, between the
verses, after the song, and any-
where else where it was possible
to introduce an obeisance. If the
artist were a prima donna she
would linger on her way off to
elicit more applause, to extract a
few more bouquets, to kiss her
hand to right and left, and leave
a general impression of gracious-
ness.

The artists of some nations how
more readily than others: the
bow is part and parcel of their
personality. Liszt, when he bowed,
did so very profoundly, with
his right hand pressed over the
region of his heart, and a stereo-
typed grin on his face. Thalberg
bowed with aristocratic dignity,
omitting the grin.

Rubinstein.

Rubinstein omitted both bow
and grin, he seemed to stumble to
the keyboard as though just
awakened, played as only he could
play, and then, without lingering
for ovations, stumbled back again.
He strongly disliked recalls and

encores. At a Beethoven recital,
when he had played the final num-
ber (for which I had turned his
pages) and had conceded his popu-
lar "Melody in E," the applause
continued so persistently that an
attendant had to close the piano
for the audience to understand his
determination to play no more.

Women Pianists.

Women pianists must have had
a trying time in arranging their
long skirts into elegant-
ly flowing lines from waist to
floor. Skirts had to be brushed
aside for the feet to reach the
pedals. Sophie Menter was parti-
cularly handicapped in this mat-
ter on the platform, where she al-
ways carried her Will and her
valuable jewellery (the gifts of
kings and emperors) in a reticule
suspended from her waist and
secreted among her voluminous
skirts. A great reformer in the
dress of women performers was
Antoinette Sterling. She introduc-
ed plain walking dress at morn-
ing concerts, in place of elaborate
evening wear, abandoned artificial
flower ornaments as head-dress,
and even ventured the perilous
journey of ascending to the plat-
form without male assistance of
any kind. Accompanists at concerts
were formerly known as "Conduc-
tors," and part of their duty was
to "lead on" the women perfor-
mers.

Encores.

The question of granting or re-
fusing encores is one which must
ever depend upon the personal
view. In a sense, an encore un-
doubtedly is a compliment from
audience to performer; no unsatis-
factory performance would call
for a second exhibition of incom-
petence. The complete approval
of the audience might excuse their
demand for more. On the other
hand, the performer might decline
to see why he should give double

value for single payment. Sims
Reeves was the first singer of high
reputation who maintained that he
had executed his share of the con-
tract when he had sung what he
had promised to sing, and that it
was an absolute imposition to de-
mand more. Novices might avail
themselves of encores as short-
cuts to popularity, but it was not
consistent with an artist of estab-
lished fame to do so.

The fashion for vocalists to ac-
company themselves has all but
died out now among us, and pos-
sibly this is not to be regretted.
The position involved was by no
means comfortable, and the divi-
sion of the singer's attention be-
tween two purposes probably pre-
vented the best of either reaching
us.

Playing without notes at con-
certs is considered an absolute
sunderatum to-day. But some of
the greatest pianists of the past
never indulged in such cheap ex-
hibition. It is an effective accom-
plishment, not however of such
high musical value as it is popu-
larly credited with. To be able to
dispense with the copy, by know-
ing the music thoroughly, may be
desirable, but to make a study of
memorizing is a rueful waste of
time.

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PLOT TO SMUGGLE ARMS TO MOORS.

Tragedy of Lonely
Spanish Outpost.

OFFICERS MURDERED.

Madrid, Yesterday.
The raising of the censorship has revealed a reported plot to smuggle arms and ammunition into the Spanish protectorate in North Africa, and the newspapers are "splashing" stories of the recent arrest of a number of prominent Moors in Villa San Jurjo, including a wealthy merchant, Salah Ben Mahomed, who was subsequently taken out from the barracks and shot dead at Rabats. Frenchmen throughout Morocco are horrified by the news of an affray on March 22 at the French outpost of Aguelou, on the North Tadia front, when a Lieutenant commanding the outpost and two non-commissioned officers were murdered by Moroccan native troops under their command. It appears that the Lieutenant and the two officers were trying to stop a quarrel among the men when the latter turned on them and cut them down. The murderers fled across the French lines and joined the rebels.—Reuter.

SERIOUS FIGHTING IN HSIKANG.

Chinese Cities Invaded
from Tibet.

APPEAL FOR ASSISTANCE.

Nanking, Yesterday.
It is officially reported from Hsikang Province that serious fighting is going on between the provincial militia and invading troops from Tibet. Hsikang officials have appealed to the Central Government to take immediate action, stating that Szechuanese troops are not helping to repel the invaders, as they had not received orders. Hsikang was formerly known as the western marches of Szechuan.—Reuter.

RUBBER IMPASSE IN HOLLAND.

Government Action
Resented.

RESTRICTION FEARS.

London, Yesterday.
According to the Financial Times's Amsterdam correspondent the question of rubber restriction appears to be again in the balance. A meeting of the Dutch Rubber Committee, held to ascertain the position created by the fact that restriction proposals were submitted by the Committee to the Dutch Colonial Minister, did not meet with the approval of all members of the Committee. It is understood that during the course of the meeting representatives of the Amsterdam Rubber Company, the International Rotterdamsche Handelsmaatschappij, and the Rotterdam, Messrs. Crone, of Amsterdam, (who own large interests in Dutch plantations), and the Amsterdam Trading Corporation, notified the Committee that they would strongly protest against any Government interference and therefore decided to refrain from further co-operation in regard to restriction. The foregoing companies, which are leading Amsterdam concerns, always voted against restriction and it is considered unlikely that the Government will endeavour to enforce legal restriction measures against the opposition of such a substantial minority of Dutch producers.—Reuter.

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Generous Bequest to
Nanking Seminary.

LAST SURVIVOR.

New York, Yesterday.
The Methodist Theological Seminary at Nanking has been bequeathed \$12,000,000 out of a \$100,000,000 estate left by the nonagenarian Miss Ella Wendel, "the loneliest and richest woman in the world," who died on the 14th inst. Most of the estate goes to charity. Miss Wendel lived alone with a pet dog in a great house with closed shutters, off 5th Avenue. Her brother, who ruled the family with a rod of iron, provided in his will some years ago that none of the property should pass out of the family by marriage. Miss Ella Wendel with her spinster sister, who died ten years ago, were the last survivors.—Reuter's American Service.

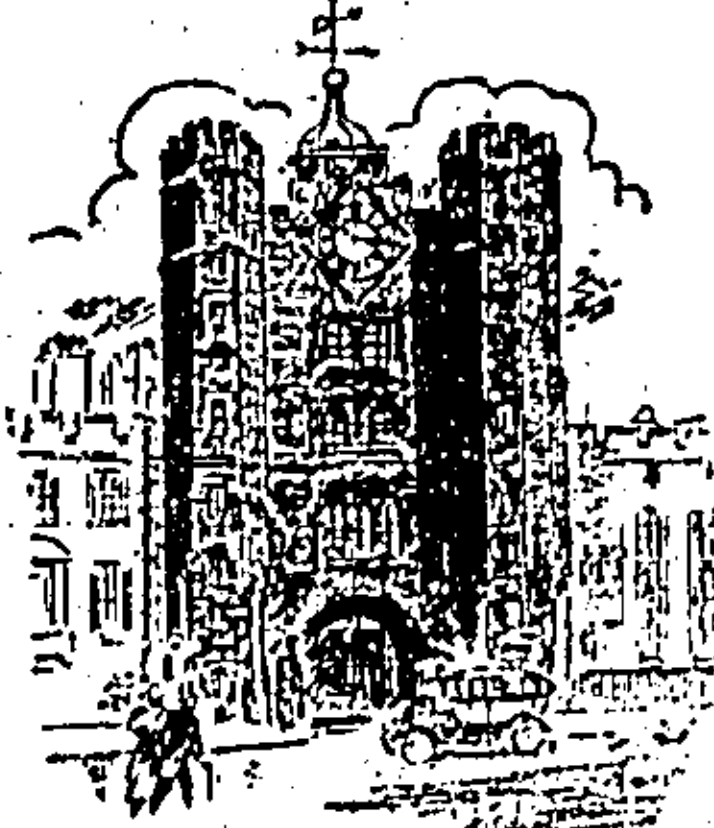
Nanking, Yesterday.
The bequest to the Methodist Seminary here is the largest ever left to any institution in China. The seminary officials are not completely surprised for, although they were never certain, they had long believed that it was coming, and mapped out plans for its application. These, which will now probably materialise, call for promoting religious and theological education in China, spreading Christian literature, training Chinese and foreign ministers, and building a large central institution.

It is noteworthy that most of the seminary building were looted or destroyed during the Nanking incident in 1927. Then there were 200 students, whereas now there are only forty.—Reuter.

KING HOLDS LEVEE

ARRIVAL IN STATE AT THE
PALACE.

Rugby, Yesterday.
H.M. the King held the second Levee of the year in St. James's Palace to-day, driving in state from



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and it is considered unlikely that the Government will endeavour to enforce legal restriction measures against the opposition of such a substantial minority of Dutch producers.—Reuter.

SHIP CHRISTENED WITH ICE.

Sir H. Wilkins' Ban on
Champagne.

RESPECT TO THE LAW

New York, Yesterday.
Cracked ice, symbolical of the frozen north, was used by Lady Wilkins and M. Jean Jules Verne when they jointly christened the submarine Nautilus. Sir Hubert declined to use champagne out of respect to the Prohibition Law.—Reuter's American Service.
[A message of March 23 stated:—A sorrowful start to the famous North Pole expedition was made when the submarine Nautilus arrived at Brooklyn with her flag at half-mast in mourning for Quartermaster Grimmer, who was swept overboard and drowned. The Nautilus has come here for her christening by Jean Jules Verne, the grandson of the famous French writer. A message of March 17 stated:—A heavy snowstorm appropriately marked the departure of the submarine Nautilus, formerly of the United States Navy, in which Sir Hubert Wilkins and a party of explorers left for New York for the final trials en route to a trip to the North Pole under ice.]

SHOULD THE INSANE HAVE CHILDREN?

Sterilisation of Unfit
Urged in U.S.A.

NEW BILL PASSED.

Montpelier, Vermont, Yesterday.
The feeble-minded and insane may have to submit to sterilisation if, as is probable, the Governor assents to a new Bill passed by the State legislature.—Reuter's American Service.

NEW INTERNATIONAL FLYING SCHOOL.

Every Branch of Air
Science Taught.

FOREIGN PILOTS ELIGIBLE.

Rugby, Yesterday.
A new International Flying School will open at Hamble, near Southampton, next month, where a company headed by the Air Minister, Sir John Higgins, and registered as the Air Service and Training Co., Ltd., will supply a course of instruction and training similar to the training in the Royal Air Force. Every branch of pilotage and navigation will be covered, including instrument or blind flying and such subjects as Riggins meteorology and the theory of flight. Commercial and private pilots and flying instructors will have a choice of course specially suited to their needs. Four types of land planes and three of seaplanes are included in the school fleet. Many young pilots from foreign countries are expected to take a course of instruction.—British Wireless Service.

STAMP DUTY EVADED.

The Hiram Silk Emporium were fined \$10 in the Kowloon Police Court this morning, for having failed to affix a stamp to a receipt for \$100.
The manager said that he thought it was not necessary on part payment receipts.

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